

AGENDA



Monday, September 8, 2008

**Economic Growth & Redevelopment Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 15

Subject: Approve a resolution awarding contracts for Cultural Arts Services for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$6,132,924 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Proposed Budget for the Cultural Arts Fund for cultural arts contracts; \$25,000 is expected in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Texas Commission on the Arts Subgranting Program grant for a total of \$6,157,924.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Austin Arts Commission.

Prior Council Action: Council approved a resolution to award contracts for Cultural Arts Services for FY 2007-2008 on September 10, 2007; Council approved a resolution to award contracts for Cultural Arts Services for FY 2006-2007 on September 11, 2006; Council approved a resolution to award contracts for Cultural Arts Services for FY 2005-2006 on September 12, 2005

Council is requested to approve cultural arts funding in the amount of \$6,157,924. The funding includes: \$6,132,924 from the Cultural Arts Fund and \$25,000 projected funding from the Texas Commission on the Arts Subgranting Program grant. This is the first year of a two-year application cycle. The funding has been allocated to support applicants in the Cultural Arts Funding Programs who received a score of 75 or greater in the 2008 peer review process. It also includes funding for the Capacity Building Program, the Special Opportunities Program; Community Initiatives Program; Community Collaborations Program; for new programs, adjustments and CreateAustin; and, continues funding for Zachary Scott Theater maintenance at \$60,000.

The funding subcommittee of the Austin Arts Commission worked with the Cultural Arts Division staff in the development of a funding plan and formulaic allocation of funds based on a funding matrix model adopted by Council on August 18, 2005. Deliberations by the Arts Commission on the funding plan and related matrix parameters were conducted in a blind process. Names of the individual applicants were not revealed. The Austin Arts Commission adopted the following funding plan recommendation:

Organizational Support \$1,886,600; Project Support \$2,408,709; Project Support II \$1,386,295; Capacity Building Program \$150,000; Special Opportunities \$100,000; Community Initiatives \$50,000; Community Collaborations \$50,000; Zachary Scott Maintenance \$60,000; and, New Programs, Adjustments and CreateAustin \$66,320.

Total Cultural Contracts Funding \$6,157,924.